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ASSESSING DAMAGES

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A. Claims In The Case

Claims 1-40 have been rejected. Claims 1-40 are pending in the case.

B. The Claims Are Not Obvious Over The Cited Art Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-40 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,272,482 to McKee et al. (hereinafter "McKee") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,613,072 to Hammond et al. (hereinafter "Hammond"). For at least the reasons cited below, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-40 are allowable over the cited art.